



**28th Annual Town of Mount Pleasant Christmas Light Parade
Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.**

**Entry Application
- No Entry Fee -**

The Annual Town of Mount Pleasant Christmas Light Parade is held at night on Coleman Boulevard offering a unique opportunity for beautifully lit, creative floats. All vehicular or towed entries must use electric lights to accent their displays to qualify for acceptance into the parade. All entries must be less than 15' in height. Marching entries are encouraged to use glowsticks, tinsel, reflective tape and/or other portable light sources. The use of lights will be discussed at the pre-parade meeting, but you may e-mail events@tompsc.com for information if you have advance questions. We hope that you will be excited about participating and be inventive in designing your lighting effects! There is no entry fee; we ask that you put your resources into creating the best entry possible! Non-rental floats are judged and cash prizes are given in several categories.

If your business, organization, church or school would like to participate, submit the following application and rules acceptance/liability waiver signature page to the address below.

Space is limited. Applicants will be notified of acceptance on or before Nov. 11.

All entrants must send one representative to a mandatory parade meeting where participants will be given event and safety information.

Two meeting options: **Wed, Nov. 15 at either 1:00 or 5:30 p.m.** at the Mount Pleasant Municipal Complex in Council Chambers/Courtroom, 100 Ann Edwards Lane, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464. Mark your calendar **now!** **If you do not have a representative present, you will not be allowed to participate and your space will be forfeited. No exceptions!**

How to enter:

1. Complete the following entry application.
2. Sign acceptance of parade rules and liability waiver.
3. Return all 3 pages to:

Town of Mount Pleasant
Special Events/Christmas Parade
391 Egypt Rd
Mount Pleasant, SC 29464

OR scan and e-mail to:
events@tompsc.com

An e-mail will be sent on or before Nov. 11 to confirm your acceptance into the parade and requesting your three-line announcement for the stage.

[EXPERIENCEMOUNTPLEASANT.COM/PLAY](https://www.mountpleasant.com/play)

***** KEEP THIS PAGE FOR REFERENCE *****
DO NOT RETURN WITH APPLICATION



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IMPORTANT: Application must be completed in full to be considered for a space. Any business or organization represented in/on your entry/float must be included in Section 1 (failure to abide is cause for removal from lineup on parade day). Complete Sections 1, 2, 3, 9, 10 & 11. Sections 4 - 8 are optional depending on entry type.

All accepted parade entrants will be contacted via e-mail with lineup position by Dec. 1. Please provide two (2) e-mail addresses that will be valid through the month of December.

E-MAIL 1 _____

E-MAIL 2 _____

1: CONTACT INFORMATION

Organization Name(s): _____

Contact Name: _____ Primary Number: _____ Cell: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Name/Cell # for parade-day contact in lineup area: _____

2: ENTRY CATEGORY: (Check One)

Business Community Organization Junior Community Organization School Cheer/Dance
 Media Church **Note: Rental floats and school bands are not judged.*

3: MUSIC: *(We encourage music in the parade.)*

Let us know if you will have any of the following to assist with lineup placements:

Live Solo Singing Choir Singing Band Solo Instrument Taped Music

4: LARGE WALKING OR MARCHING GROUPS: *(Includes Bands, Drill Teams, etc.)*

Approximate Number of People in Group _____

Description of Group: _____

**NOTE: There will be NO PERFORMING at the judging/stage area as this causes delays and gaps in the parade. The judges do not include performance as part of the scoring for parade awards.*

5: RADIO STATIONS ENTERING VANS:

Number of Vans: *(No more than 2 allowed)* _____

Will you be playing music during the parade *(seasonal music only)*? Y/N

6: SPECIAL NEEDS: *(entry requires special consideration due to entrants with disabilities).*

7: LIVE ANIMALS: Y/N

If Y - Please e-mail events@tompsc.com and provide details and receive authorization.

8: SPECIAL REQUESTS: *(Requests will be considered but are not guaranteed.)*

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9: ORGANIZATION NAME: _____

10: Vehicular or Towed Unit Information: (15' height limit)

It is important that we know the type of vehicle(s) you are entering. Failure to provide accurate information may result in your lineup space not being adequate to accommodate your entry (removal from the lineup).

Please indicate the number of each type in your entry. If you are entering a truck and flatbed or boat, please put the number 1 in both boxes. **A large walking group is considered an entry.**

(MAXIMUM OF 2: 1 truck + 1 boat = 2; 1 18-wheeler cab + 1 flatbed = 2; 1 truck + 1 trailer = 2)



Large Pickup Truck



Small Pickup Truck



18-Wheeler Cab



Small Truck Cab with Short Trailer



SUV



Van



Car



Convertible



Motorcycle (Max. 8)



Boat on Trailer
Boat Length _____ ft. (req'd)



Flatbed/Trailer -
Length: _____ ft. (req'd)



Large Walking Group
 Walkers/Marchers
#: _____ (req'd)

Other: (Please Mark (x))

- ___ Media Satellite Truck
- ___ Fire Truck Modern
- ___ Fire Truck Antique
- ___ Garbage Truck
- ___ Bucket Truck
- ___ Ambulance
- ___ Emergency Vehicle

- ___ Golf Cart
- ___ Go-Cart
- ___ Antique Car
- ___ Moped / Bicycle
- ___ Skateboarders
- ___ Other (Describe)

Are you renting a float?

Rental Float Company:

___ Southeastern Float

___ Floats by Allen

___ Other: _____

Phone: _____

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This page must be signed and returned with application.



THE SANTA CLAUSE

There is only one Santa, and he rides on a fire truck at the end of the parade! It is confusing to small children to see more than one Santa and Mrs. Claus riding on floats; therefore no one may dress as Santa on your float or in your vehicle.

IMPORTANT

The following guidelines help ensure the quality and safety of the parade and allow as many organizations as possible the opportunity to participate. Read carefully and abide by the rules!

1. Each entrant is allowed a **maximum of two units** per rule on page 2.
2. All entries, including golf carts and cars, **must be well lit & decorated** (*one string of lights is not acceptable.*)
3. There will only be **one Santa** in the parade at the end on the fire truck.
4. Entrants must display lineup number on the front and organization name on each side of entry.
5. **All entries must enter the parade lineup area following instructions given at MANDATORY pre-parade meeting.**
6. There will be **NO PERFORMING** at the judges area, this causes delays and gaps in the parade.
7. Any generators used for lighting cannot be setup inside of an enclosed vehicle.
8. **NO ITEMS ARE TO BE THROWN FROM VEHICLES AT ANY TIME.** Giveaways must be handed out by walkers. No hard candy or choking hazard items are to be handed out.
9. Riders on floats cannot get on and off of the float during the parade at any time.
10. All entries with children must have adults riding/walking with them throughout the entire event.
11. Walkers alongside vehicles must walk at least 10 feet from the side of vehicle.
12. Use of fire or open flames is not allowed.
13. Any firearms, real or replicas, must get approval in advance.
14. ALL wheels of motorized vehicles **MUST** keep in contact with the ground at all times. Anyone doing wheelies will be pulled from the parade immediately.
15. Each motorized vehicle must carry liability insurance and be operated by a licensed driver.
16. No one will be allowed to ride on the hood or roof of any vehicle.
17. No political campaigning is allowed on entries in the parade.
18. The undersigned agrees that all participants may be photographed or videotaped and that these images may be published in an outlet used to promote or publicize the event.

Entries must observe all applicable rules and regulations and follow all instructions from Police and parade officials. The Town of Mount Pleasant reserves the right to remove any entrant from the parade, either prior to assembly, at assembly, or at any time during the parade if the entrant fails to follow parade rules or does not display standards of reasonable public taste as determined by Town staff.

11: LIABILITY WAIVER: In consideration of your accepting my entry, I hereby, for myself, my child and all participants of my entry, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I, my child, or entry participants may have against the Town of Mount Pleasant and its representatives, successors and assigns for any and all injuries suffered by myself or my child or entry participants at any activity sponsored by these groups. I have read in its entirety the general rules and the entry guidelines for participating in the Town of Mount Pleasant Christmas Light Parade and agree to accept full responsibility for the compliance of this entry and all participants associated therewith, and for any liability inherent with this entry's participation in the Town of Mount Pleasant Christmas Light Parade. I understand that if I fail to comply with all the guidelines and rules for participation that my entry will be removed from the parade lineup.

Name of group or participant: _____

I understand that an electronic signature has the same legal effect and can be enforced the same way as a written signature. By checking this box and typing my name below, I am electronically signing my application.

Authorized representative: Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Print): _____

Return to: TOMP Christmas Parade, 391 Egypt Road, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464 OR events@tompsc.com